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# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

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## Child Services Oversight Committee Appointments

**New member:** Rep. Ed Clere

**Committee Co-Chairs:** Rep. Ed Clere and Rep. Melanie Wright

### Background:

Rep. Wendy McNamara informed Chief Justice Rush that she was stepping down from her role as a member and chair of the Child Services Oversight Committee. Per the Committee protocol, there shall be four members of the Indiana General Assembly, no more than one from each caucus. Ed Clere was recommended by Rep. McNamara to replace her as the House Republican member of the Committee.

In losing Rep. McNamara, the committee also lost its chair. The Commission's Executive Committee determined that it would be helpful to have the institutional knowledge of a currently serving member in the chairmanship. It was decided therefore to appoint as co-chairs Rep. Melanie Wright, who has served on the Committee since April 2018, and Rep. Clere.